

## TRAIL LOST FUNDS OF SPORTING CLUB

Investigators in Secret Session Start to Untangle Its Finances.

\$850,000 IS 'MISSING'

Records of Boxing Bouts Which 'Lost' Money for International Gone Over.

MONDAY FIGHTS ARE OFF

Committee in Harmony Hopes to Bring About Complete Reorganization.

A committee of members of the International Sporting Club began an investigation of the tangled financial affairs of the organization yesterday, through which they hope to find out what has become of the \$850,000 subscribed or collected by members who each purchased a \$500 6 per cent. debenture bond. Under the original plans of the club the greater part of this sum was to go toward the purchase of property at Lexington avenue and Forty-ninth street and the erection of a clubhouse there which was to have been the last word in boxing club construction.

The building site was bought through the activities of William A. Gavin, one of the founders of the club, who recently severed his connection with the organization and sailed for England. The buildings on the site were torn down, excavation begun and \$50,000 worth of steel girders purchased for the new structure. But this was about as far as the actual building ever got. Differences arose almost at once between Gavin and A. J. Drexel Biddle, one of the founders and the first president of the club, and Mr. Biddle resigned because he thought too much money was being spent on organization and not enough on building.

Frank Boland, counsel for the Hotel Men's Association, was made chairman of the committee which will investigate the affairs of the club. Other members are Gusztav Borglum, the sculptor, who is president of the organization; J. G. Boggs, owner of the Laurent Hotel, and J. H. Jowett, vice-president of the Ingersoll-Rand Company at 11 Broadway. George W. Sweeney, vice-president of the Bowman Hotel Corporation, handed in his resignation as a member of the committee at the outset of the meeting, and Mr. Boggs was chosen to take his place. Mr. Sweeney said he could not spare the time for the investigation, which probably will take about ten days. Meanwhile the club has cancelled the boxing bouts which it was to have held next Monday night in the Central Opera House.

Yesterday's meeting of the committee in offices occupied by the club was secret. Not even Tex O'Rourke, executive secretary of the club, was allowed to hear what went on. He sat in the outer office and from time to time sent records into the council room by a woman stenographer. Most of these records related to the several bouts which the club has staged in New York and vicinity, including the Carpenter-Levinisky fight in Jersey City for the light heavyweight title, which the Frenchman won.

It developed at the meeting that the total receipts of this fight were about \$100,000, yet the International lost several thousand dollars on the affair. It was reported at the time of the fight that Carpenter received a purse of from \$50,000 to \$75,000, but it was learned yesterday that in reality he received but \$25,000, while Levinisky, who fought on a percentage basis, received about \$15,000. About 1,500 ringside seats were distributed free to members of the club.

Mr. Boland said the members of the investigating committee are in absolute harmony, and that they all recognize the necessity of reorganizing the affairs of the organization. Much of the work is being based on information obtained and given to the committee by Mr. Borglum, who made a speech from the ring in the Central Opera House Monday night and said that if the high ideals of the club could not prevail he would lead a movement for the repeal of the boxing law. In making a speech at the same time Mr. Boland said that among the expenses of the club, as shown by the books, was \$17,000 for sculpture. This will be taken up during the investigation, with the intention of determining why the club found it necessary to have so much sculpture.

## URGE DETENTION HOUSE FOR WOMEN PRISONERS

Police Methods Criticized by John S. Kennedy.

Criticism of police methods of handling women prisoners was made yesterday by John S. Kennedy, president of the State Prison Commission, before the Women's Municipal League at 14 East Forty-sixth street. An immediate need, he said, was for a woman's detention prison within easy access of the courts, and he suggested that the correction house, attached to the woman's police precinct building in West Thirty-seventh street, be turned over for that purpose. Mrs. George W. Loft, Deputy Police Commissioner, promised to ask Mayor Hylan to endorse the suggestion.

The correction house was opened in July for the temporary lodging of runaway girls, but as the law does not permit the detention of persons who have committed no crime, no runaway girl has ever been taken there.

Women prisoners detained over night in police stations are made to sleep on steel bunks without mattresses or covers, Mr. Kennedy said. He objected also to lack of segregation of women prisoners when being transferred from courts to institutions in prison vans, older offenders being herded in with first offenders.

## BLOOD SELLER GETS FOUR MONTHS AS DRUG ADDICT

Milo's Name Was on Transfusion List in Hospitals.

James Milo of 225 Bowers, who was arrested Sunday charged with the possession of narcotics and who had been earning his living by selling his blood for transfusion purposes, was sentenced yesterday by Justice Voorhees, Hereman and O'Keefe in Special Sessions to four months in the workhouse after he had pleaded guilty to the narcotic charge.

It was learned after Milo's arrest that his name was on the lists of many hospitals as an applicant for blood transfusion cases, and that he had been obtaining from \$35 to \$50 in each case in which his blood was taken. Dr. Carlton Simon, Special Deputy Police Commissioner in charge of narcotics, has begun an investigation to determine whether any persons who received Milo's blood have been affected.

## SOPHOMORE PRESIDENT KIDNAPPED; RESCUED

N. Y. U. Man Trained in Cab to Home of Uncle.

John Smith of Port Huron, Mich., president of the sophomore class of New York University, was kidnapped yesterday morning by a delegation of freshmen headed by Spencer Bregott, Stanley Gersman and Joseph Washington. He was rescued a few hours later, a sophomore having trailed the taxi cab in which the captive was taken to the home of his uncle in Westchester.

## MRS. PLANT DIVORCES NASSAU EX-DETECTIVE

Francena Plant, wife of Carman Plant, former Nassau county detective, got a divorce yesterday from Justice Fawcett in Nassau County Supreme Court. Emil Morse, a friend of Plant's for many years, testified to seeing Plant with another woman in a Manhattan hotel, the decree being issued on his evidence.

Plant is serving two to five years in Sing Sing in connection with automobile thefts in Nassau county last year. Mrs. Plant said she was supporting herself by dressmaking and asked for no alimony. All their children are of age.

## AMNESTY PLAN EXPLAINED.

Senator France Would Free "Espionage" Prisoners.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—The demand for "general amnesty" does not mean the wholesale release of prisoners from Federal prisons, Senator Joseph I. France (Md.) declared to-night in a statement setting forth the purpose of the joint amnesty committee of the American Civil Liberties Union.

The movement, Senator France declared, had for its object "the pardon of political offenders only, those convicted under the espionage law and other war laws of expressing opinions against the war."

## FINDS CUBAN TRADE DULL.

Gothard von Bissing, who has been in Havana two months studying business conditions in the interests of German business men, returned here yesterday by the Ward liner Mexico. He said the knowledge that things were bad in Havana had been common property for some time and that there had been little or no change in the period he had been there. He will return soon to Germany.

## NEEDLE EMPLOYERS MUST NOT CONSPIRE

Injunction in Behalf of Union Upheld in Fight Over Wage Agreement.

CONTRACT CAN BE BROKEN

Individual Owners Need Not Reemploy Their Help on Weekly Pay Basis.

Application of Max D. Steuer, counsel for the Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers Protective Association, to have vacated the preliminary injunction granted Tuesday restraining the association from violating its contract with the International Ladies Garment Makers Union was denied yesterday by Justice Guy in Supreme Court.

Justice Guy explained that the injunction was not designed to regulate the business of any members of the association, but was intended to prohibit members taking part in a conspiracy to violate the agreement with the union. This contract, made May 19, 1919, to be effective until June 1, 1922, provided for payment on a forty-four hour weekly basis. The present strike was called when the employers attempted to establish the piecework system on November 1.

Morris Hillquit, attorney for the union, said at the hearing that the practical effect of the injunction would not be to force employers to reemploy men on the weekly basis, but would free each individual employer to live up to his agreement without any interference from the association.

"It does not prohibit any individual member of the association from breaking the agreement," said Mr. Hillquit, although he would be liable to a damage suit if he does so, but it does specifically prohibit members of the association from urging one another to violate the agreement, from meeting or from spending money with the view of effecting a violation of the contract.

This interpretation of the injunction was agreed to by both attorneys, and will be reduced to writing and presented to the court this afternoon. Samuel Untermyer, associate counsel for the union, was unable to be in court because of an attack of tonsillitis. He requested that the matter be held over until to-day so he might give his views.

In his application Mr. Steuer said that as originally interpreted the injunction prevented manufacturers from operating their plants on the piecework system and the forty-nine hour week. That this was so both Justice Guy and Mr. Hillquit denied, explaining that the injunction, on the grounds of conspiracy, enjoins the association from instigating its members to violate the agreement.

"Courts which have heretofore issued injunctions in similar cases against unions and workers," Justice Guy said, "will welcome this opportunity to demonstrate that the same rules of law and justice apply to every one."

It is said that this is the first time a labor union has obtained an injunction against an employer restraining him from violation of a contract. The manufacturers have been notified to appear in court on Monday to show cause why the injunction should not remain in force pending litigation on whether the manufacturers shall be required to live up to their contract until its expiration next June.

Gettill Weinstein, 45, of 242 Division street, became suddenly ill and died while attending a meeting of striking garment workers of Local 33 at Odd Fellows Hall, 35 Forsyth street.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. CHICAGO, Nov. 30.—The Chicago Cloak and Suit Manufacturers Association, which will start a piecework system tomorrow, will not delay its move as requested by Benjamin Schlesinger of New York, president of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. The manufacturers completed their arrangements this afternoon. Between 5,000 and 6,000 workers will be affected.

## NEWARK INJUNCTION MADE PERMANENT

Several Cases of Milk Strike Violence Reported.

Vice-Chancellor John E. Foster in Newark yesterday made permanent a temporary injunction restraining striking milk wagon drivers from interfering with the delivery of milk. Several cases of violence were reported from Newark. Henry Scheldler was held up by five men, who cut the horse from his wagon, beat him severely and escaped in a motor car. Eugene O'Rourke was struck with a blackjack at Washington and Hinsdale avenue. William Coghlin was roughly treated by five men at Fulton and Front streets. In Irvington, N. J., Alfred Supper was attacked, but fought off a number of men at Clinton and Stuyvesant avenues.

Dr. Anna Monteforte, a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Milk Drivers' Union, said yesterday that a permit had been granted the strikers and their wives to hold a parade on Fifth avenue December 19.

## LABOR UNION AGENT HELD AS ACID THROWER

Louis Fuchs of 113 Liberty avenue, Brooklyn, identified as a business agent of the United Neckwear Makers' Union, was held yesterday without bail in Bridge Plaza Court, charged with having blinded Samuel Passer, a clothing manufacturer, of 508 Bradford street, by throwing muriatic acid in his face. Aaron Cantor, a neckwear manufacturer of this city, who lives at Passer's address, testified that he knew Fuchs and had had trouble with him some weeks ago. He identified him as the man who stood at South Fifth and Havemeyer streets and threw the acid as he and Passer drove by in a motor car. He said Fuchs had evidently meant the acid for him, but that he must have been mistaken for the chauffeur, as he was driving the car. Fuchs will be given a further hearing to-day.

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## SCHOOL HISTORIES' CRITICS TO BE HEARD

Committee Will Get Data From Those Who Charge Pro-British Trend in Books.

To obtain the views of individuals and organizations who want to be heard on the subject of revising the school histories a subcommittee of teachers under the chairmanship of Bryan J. Kelly, principal of Public School 187, Brooklyn, will hold a public hearing in the Board of Education, Park avenue and Fifty-ninth street, tomorrow at 1:30.

The movement has been authorized by Dr. William L. Bittinger, Superintendent of Schools, as a result of various articles and criticisms regarding the achievements of American heroes. The task of searching the histories themselves for matter that might be regarded as objectionable and also of compiling the views of individuals and organizations not actively connected with the teaching profession was put in the hands of Edward Mandel, District Superintendent of Flushing.

Mr. Kelly has had charge of preparing a report on the public's feeling in the matter, which was to have been ready to-day. So many requests have come in, however, for opportunity to be heard that a special hearing was arranged.

The general trend of the criticisms, Mr. Kelly said yesterday, has been that the histories have been too pro-British in tone. Notices of appearance have been received, it was said, from a half dozen organizations, including the City History Club, and, if necessary, still another public hearing will be held later. The final report to Superintendent Bittinger is not expected to be ready before early in the new year.



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